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Another, by a fall in *wrestling*, started the end of the cla-
vicle from the sternon. *Wifeman's Surgery.*
To play or *wrestle* well, it should be used with those that do
it better. *Temple.*

None in the leap spring with so strong a bound,
Or firmer in the *wrestling* press the ground. *Pope.*

I persuaded them, if they lov'd Benedick,
To with him *wrestle* with affection;
And never to let Beatrice know of it. *Shakespeare.*

He knew not how to *wrestle* with desperate contingencies,
and so abhorred to be entangled in such. *Clarendon.*

WRESTLER. *n. f.* [from *wrestle*.]

1. One who wrestles; one who professes the athletic art.

Was not Charles, the duke's *wrestler*, here? *Shakespeare.*

When the young *wrestlers* at their sport grew warm,
Old Milo wept, to see his naked arm. *Dehham.*

'Tis not from whom, but where we live;
The place does oft those graces give:
Great Julius, on the mountains bred,
A flock perhaps, or herd, had led;
He that the world subdu'd, had been
But the best *wrestler* on the green. *Waller.*

2. One who contends in wrestling.

So earnest with thy God, can no new care,
No sense of danger, interrupt thy prayer?
The sacred *wrestler*, 'till a blessing giv'n,
Quits not his hold, but halting conquers heav'n. *Waller.*

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amples therein, as well of true natural goodness as of *wretched*
ungratefulness. *Sidney.*

WRETCHEDLY. *adv.* [from *wretched*.]

1. Miserably; unhappily.

From these two wars, so *wretchedly* entered into, the duke's
ruin took its date. *Clarendon.*

2. Meanly; despicably.

When such little shuffling arts come once to be ripped up,
and laid open, how poorly and *wretchedly* must that man think,
who finds himself guilty and baffled too? *Denb.*

WRETCHEDNESS. *n. f.* [from *wretched*.]

1. Misery; unhappiness; afflicted state.

My misery cannot be greater than it is: fear not the danger
of my blind steps, I cannot fall worse than I am, and do not
obstinately continue to infect thee with my *wretchedness*. *Sidn.*

He 'gan inquire

What hard mishap him brought to such distress,
And made that cut-throat's thrall the thrall of *wretchedness*. *F. Q.*

Clarion did at last decline

To lowest *wretchedness*; and is there then

Such rancor in the hearts of mighty men? *Spenser.*

When they are weary of wars, and brought down to ex-
treme *wretchedness*, then they creep a little, and sue for grace,
'till they have recovered their strength again. *Spenser.*

I love not to see *wretchedness* o'ercharg'd,

And duty in his service perishing. *Shakespeare.*

We have with the feeling lost the very memory of such
wretchedness as our forefathers endured by those wars, of all
others the most cruel. *Raleigh.*

2. Pitifulness; despicableness.

WRETCHLESS. *n. f.* [This is, by I know not whose corrup-
tion, written for *rectless*.] Careless; mindless; heedless.

For any man to put off his present repentance, on con-
templation of a possibility that his latter repentance may serve the
turn, is the most *wretchless* presumption, and hath no promise
of mercy annexed to it. *Hammond.*

If persons of so circumspect a piety have been thus over-
taken, what security can there be for our *wretchless* o'ertake?

Government of the Tongue.

To WRIGGLE. *v. n.* [Irigan, Saxon; *ruggelen*, Dutch.] To
move to and fro with short motions.

If sheep or thy lamb fall a *wriggling* with tail,

Go by and by search it, whiles help may prevail. *Tupper.*

The busy importunities of these extentional phantoms I
look upon as contemptuously, as upon the quick *wrigglings* up
and down of pismires. *Mare.*

The excellency of fawing is to keep keef exactly in the
line marked to be fawn, without *wriggling* on either side.

Moore's Mech. Exer.

To bed went the bridegroom and the bride:

Was never such an ill-paid'd couple ty'd;
Reflex he to's'd, and tumbled to and fro,
And roll'd and *wriggled* farther off for woe. *Dryden.*

How wildly will ambition steer!

A vermin *wriggling* in th' usurper's ear. *Dryden.*

And both he and his successors would often *wriggle* in their
seats as long as the cushion lasted. *Swift.*

To WRIGGLE. *v. a.* To put in a quick reciprocating motion;

to introduce by shifting motion.

Ralpho was mounted now, and gotten
O'erthwart his beast with active vaulting,
Wriggling his body to recover
His seat, and cast his right leg over. *Hudibras.*

A slim thin-gutted fox made a hard shift to *wriggle* his body
into a hen-roost. *L'Estrange.*

WRIGGLETAIL. *n. f.* For *wrigglingtail*. See WRIGGLE.

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Apply mild detergents on pledgets of lint over it, with a
compress *wring* out. *Wifeman.*

3. To squeeze; to press.

In sleep I heard him say, sweet Dostlemona,
Let us be wary, let us hide our loves!

And then, fir, would he gripe and *wring* my hand. *Shakef.*

4. To writh.

The filly owner of the goods

Weeps over them, and *wrings* his hapless hands. *Shakef.*

5. To pinch.

The king began to find where his shoe did *wring* him, and
that it was his depressing the house of York that did rankle and
fester the affections of his people. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

If he had not been too much grieved, and *wring* by an un-
easy and freight fortune, he would have been an excellent
man of business. *Clarendon.*

6. To force by violence; to extort.

I had rather coin my heart,

And drop my blood for drachma's, than to *wring*
From the hard hands of peasants their vile trash
By any indirection. *Shak. Julius Caesar.*

Who can be bound by any solemn vow

To *wring* the widow from her custom'd right,
And have no other reason for his wrong?

That which I must speak, *Shak. Hen. VI.*

Must either punish me, not being believ'd,

Or *wring* redress from you. *Shak. Meas. for Meas.*

Threatening cruel death, constrain'd the bride

To *wring* from me, and tell to them my secret. *Milton.*

7. To harass; to distress; to torture.

He dives into the king's soul, and there scatters

Doubts, dangers, *wringing* of the conscience,
Fear and despair, and all these for his marriage. *Shakef.*

Pleasure enchants, impetuous rage transports,

And grief defects and *wrings* the tortur'd soul. *Rafcammon.*

Didst thou taste but half the griefs

That *wring* my soul, thou couldst not talk thus coldly. *Add.*

8. To distort; to turn to a wrong purpose.

To *wring* this sentence, to *wring* thereby out of men's
hands the knowledge of God's doctrine, is without all reason.

Alcham's Schoolmaster.

Lord, how dare these men thus *wring* the scriptures? *White.*

9. To perforce with extortion.

The merchant-adventurers have been often wronged and
wringed to the quick; but were never quick and lively in
thanks to those by whose endeavours they were freed. *Hayw.*

To WRING. *v. n.* To writh with anguish.

'Tis all men's office to speak patience

To those that *wring* under the load of sorrow;
But no man's virtue nor sufficiency,
To be so moral, when he shall endure
The like himself. *Shak. Much Ado about Nothing.*

WRINGER. *n. f.* [from *wring*.] One who squeezes the water
out of cloaths.